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CHARGE I.

THEY roar and make a horrid Noiſe under Conviction for Sin as they pretend.

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Pſalm xxxviii. 8. I am feeble and ſore broken: I have roared by Reaſon of the Diſquietneſs of my Heart.

Pſalm xxii. 1. My God, my God, why haſt thou forſaken me? Why art thou ſo far from helping me, and from the Words of my roaring?

V. 2. O my God, I cry in the Day Time, but thou heareſt not; and in the Night Seaſon, and am not ſilent.

Pſalm xxxii. 3. When I kept my ſilence my Bones, waxed old: through my roaring all the Day long.

Job iii. 24 For my ſighing cometh before I eat, and my roaring are poured out like the Waters.

Iſa. lix. 11. We roar all like Bears, and mourn ſore like Doves: We look for Judgement, but there is none for Salvation, but it is far from us.

Ezek. 7. 16. But they that eſcape of them, ſhall eſcape, and ſhall be on the Mountains like Doves of the Valleys, all of them mourning every one for his iniquity

Mark xi. 47. And when he heard that it was Jeſus of *Nazareth* he began to cry out. --48. he cried the more a great deal, &c.

CHARGE II.

They ſay they are ſaved by Faith alone.

Anſwered. Hab. 2. 4. The Juſt ſhall live by his Faith.

Rom. 3. 8. A Man is juſtified by Faith without the Deeds of the Law.

Gal 2. 16. A Man is not juſtified by the Works of the Law, but by the Faith of Jeſus.

Eph 2 8. By Grace ye are ſaved through Faith.

Ver. 9. Not of Works leaſt any Man ſhould boaſt.

Luke 7. 50. And Jeſus ſaid to the Woman, Thy Faith hath ſaved thee.

Mat. 9. 22. Daughter be of good Comfort thy Faith hath made thee whole.

Luke 18. 42. Thy Faith hath ſaved thee. See *Heb.* xi. and 500 Portions of Scripture proves this beyond all Contradiction.

CHARGE III.

They pretend to Inſpiration.

Anſwered. Job 32. 8. But there is a Spirit in Man: And the Inſpiration of the Almighty giveth them underſtanding.

Rom. 8. 9. Now if any Man have not the Spirit of Chriſt he is none of his.

Gal. 4. 6. Becauſe ye are Sons, God hath ſent forth the ſpirit of his Son into your Hearts.

1 *Pet.* 1. 11. Searching what, or what manner of Time

Time the Spirit of Chriſt which was in them did ſignify.

Rom. 8. 10. And if Chriſt be in you the Body is dead becauſe of Sin; but the Spirit is Life becauſe of Righteouſneſs.

Ver. 11. But if the Spirit of him that raiſed up Jeſus from the Dead, dwell in you, he that raiſed up Chriſt from the dead ſhall alſo quicken your mortal Bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

OBJECTION.

Ah! but theſe were in the Time of old. now the Spirit of God does not dwell, or we are not inſpired as they were; for there are none but Enthuſiaſts that pretend to inſpiration now.

Anſw. Then I will prove that the Members of the eſtabliſhed Church are Enthuſiaſts in the plain Sence of the Word.

In the *Abſolution.*

The Congregation for every Sunday.

"Let us beſeech him (God) to grant us true Repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that thoſe, "Things may pleaſe him which we do at this "preſent,' &c.

The Creed.

" I believe in the Holy Ghoſt," &c.

The Prieſt ſays.

" O God make clean our Hearts within us."

And the Congregation anſwers,

" And take not thy Holy Spirit from us."

N. B. Can any thing be taken from us that we have never had or received.

For all Conditions of Men.

" More eſpecially we pray for the good Eſtate of " the Catholic Church; that it may be ſo " guided and governed by thy good Spirit that " all who profeſs and call themſelves Chriſ- " tians may be led into the Way of Truth, and " hold the Faith in Unity of Spirit."

N. B. Indeed the Common Prayer is full of this heavenly Language, and every true Member thereof is nothing more or leſs by Profeſſion than a *Methodiſt*. This is a Fact that all the Clergy and Laity cannot deny without they are found to be Mockers of God, and Deceivers of their own Souls.

CHARGE IV.

They ſay they know their ſins are forgiven, even in this Life.

Anſw. Job. 19. 25. I know that my Redeemer liveth.

Pſa. 32. 1. Bleſſed is he whoſe Unrighteouſneſs is forgiven and whoſe Sin is covered.

Rom. 8. 16. We are the Children of God.

1 *Tim.* 1. 16. I obtained Mercy.

2 *Tim.* 1. 9. Who hath ſaved us.

Col. 2. 13. Having forgiven you all Treſpaſſes.

Job. 19. 28. The Root of the matter is in me.

1 *John.* 2. 5. We know that we are in him.

Ch. 4. 13. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us.

1 *John.* 5. 19. We know we are of God.

Ver. 20. And we know that the Son of God is come and hath given us an Underſtanding that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true.

2 *Cor.* 8. 9. You know the Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

Eph. 1. 7. In whom we (*Methodiſts* now) have Redemption thro' his Blood, even the Forgiveneſs of Sin.

Col. 1. 13. Who hath delivered us from the Power of Darkneſs and hath (not *will* but *hath now*) tranſlated us into the Kingdom of his dear Son in whom we (now) have Redemption thro' his Blood, even the Forgiveneſs of Sins.

Ver. 27. To whom God would make known what

what is the Riches of the Glory of this Myſtery among (us) the Gentiles, which is Chriſt in us, the Hope of Glory.

2 *Cor.* 11. 10 The Truth of Chriſt is in me, *&c. &c. &c.*

CHARGE V.

They ſay they know they ſhall go to Heaven when they die.

Anſw. Job. 19. 27. And though after my Skin Worms deſtroy this Body, yet in my Fleſh ſhall I ſee God, (I know it now.)

Ver. 27. Whom I ſhall ſee for myſelf, and mine Eyes ſhall behold, and not another (for me).

2 *Cor.* 5. 1. For *we know*, that if our earthly Houſe of this Tabernacle were diſſolved we have a Building of God, an Houſe not made with Hands eternal in the Heavens.

Ver. 6. Therefore *we are always confident*, knowing that whilſt we are at home in the Body (living in this World) we are abſent from the Lord (in Heaven.)

Ver. 7. For we walk by Faith, not by Sight.

Ver. 8 We are confident, I ſay (it over and over again) and willing rather to be abſent from the Body (I had rather die than live) and to be preſant with the Lord (in Heaven.)

Phil. 1. 23. For I am in a Straight betwixt two having a deſire to depart and to be with Chriſt which is far better.

And the reaſon why all Chriſtians are ſo confident of going to Heaven is, becauſe.

2 *Cor.* 1. 22. Chriſt hath alſo (in this preſant life) ſealed us, and given the earneſt of the Spirit in our Hearts (that we are now his Children) and that we ſhall ſurely go to Heaven when we die. It cannot be contradicted, for.

John 3. 36. He that believeth on the Son hath everlaſting Life.

CHARGE VI.

They have the Aſſurance to call themſelves Saints.

Anſw. Col. 1. 26. The myſtery which hath been hid from Ages and Generations *now* is made manifeſt to his Saints.

Eph. 4. 11. And he gave ſome Apoſtles; and ſome Prophets; and ſome Evangeliſts; and ſome Paſtors and Teachers;

Ver. 12. For the perfecting of the Saints.

Phil. 4. 21. Salute every Saint in Chriſt Jeſus.

Pſalm 16. 3 The Saints that are in the Earth. (and who they are you may ſee.)

Mat. 1. 21 And ſhe ſhall bring forth a Son and thou ſhalt call his Name Jeſus, for he ſhall ſave his People from their Sins, and make Saints of them.

Prov. 2. 8. He preſerveth the Way of his Saints.

All Chriſtians are, *Rom.* 1. 7. beloved of God, called to be Saints.

Cor. 6. 2 The Saints ſhall judge the World.

1 *Theſ.* 3. 13. The coming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, will be with all his Saints.

Jude. 14. The Lord cometh with 10000 of his Saints.

Zec. 14. 5. And the Lord my God ſhall come and all the Saints with thee. &c. &c. &c.

OBJECTION.

We are very well acquainted with all this long ago but all theſe Scriptures have reference only to thoſe times when they were wrote, and not to us.

Anſw. You then have been guilty of horrid Impiety againſt God, when you have rehearſed the Articles of your belief; for one of them

them is, you ſay, You believe the Communion of Saints. What do you mean by this Belief? Why that there are now Saints certainly upon Earth, or elſe how dare you ſay you believe there are Saints to have Communion and Fellowſhip with, if there are none.

CHARGE VII.

They are always ſinging Hymns & Praying.

Singing.

Sam. xxi 11. Is not this *David*, the King of the Land! did they not ſing of him one to another.

1 *Chron.* xvi. 9. Sing unto him. ſing Pſalms unto him.

2 *Chron.* xxix. 30. *Hezekiah* the King, and the Princes, commanded the Levites to ſing Praiſe unto the Lord.

Pſ. xxi. 13. (As *David* ſays) So will we ſing and praiſe thy Power.

Pſ. lxv. 13. They ſhout for Joy, they alſo ſing.

--lxxi. 2. Sing forth the Honour of his Name.

--lxxxi. 1. Sing aloud unto God our ſtrength.

cl. 2. Sing to him, ſing Pſalms to him.

138. 5. Yea they ſhall ſing in the ways of the Lord,

Pſ. 149. 5. Let them ſing aloud on their Beds.

Prov. 29. 6. The righteous doth ſing and rejoice.

Iſa. 38. 20. Therefore we will ſing my Songs.

42. 11. Let the Inhabitants of the Rock ſing

52. 8. With the Voice together ſhall they ſing.

65. 14. Behold my Servants ſhall ſing for joy.

Jer. 31. 12. They ſhall come and ſing in the height of *Zion*.

Hoſ. 2. 15. They ſhall ſing as in the days of old.

Zeph. 2. 14. Their voices ſhall ſing in the Windows.

3. 14. Sing O Daughter of *Zion*.

James

Jam. 5. 13. Is any merry let him ſing Pſalms.
Pſa. 57. 7. My Heart is fixed, O God! I will ſing.
104. 33. I will ſing unto the Lord as long as I live.
2. *Cor.* 14. 15. I will ſing with the Spirit. &c.
Mat 26. 30. When they had ſung an Hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives, &c.

Praying.

Gen. 24. 63. *Iſaac* went out to pray in the Field.
Job. 33. 26. Pray to God and he will be favourable.
Pſa. 58. 17. Evening, Morning, and at Noon will I pray.
Iſa. 16. 12. He ſhall come to his Sanctuary to pray.
Zec. 7. 2. They ſent Men to pray before the Lord.
Mat. 6. 6. Pray to thy Father which is in ſecret
14. 23. Jeſus went up into a Mountain to pray.
26. 41. Watch and pray.
Luke. 18. 1. Men ought always to pray and not to faint.
Acts 8. 24. *Simon* ſaid pray ye to the Lord for me.
10. 9. *Peter* went up to the Houſe top to pray.
Phil. 1. 9. This I pray that your Love may abound.
Col. 1. 9. We do not ceaſe to pray for you.
1. *Theſ.* 5. 17. Pray without ceaſing.
25. Brethren pray for us.
2 *Theſ.* 1. 11. Wherefore we pray always for you.
1. *Tim.* ii. 8. I will that Men pray every where.
Jam. 5. 13. Is any afflicted let him pray.
16. Pray for one another.
Pſa. 109. 4. *David* ſays, but I give my ſelf to Prayer.

The Lord grant *all* that call themſelves Chriſtians may go and do likewiſe.

CHARGE

CHARGE VIII.

They go from the Eſtabliſhed Church.

Anſw. Mat. x. 27. What ye hear that preach ye upon the Houſe Tops.

Mat. xi. 1. He departed thence to preach in their Cities.

Mark xvi. 20. They went forth and preached every were.

Acts 8. 40. *Philip* preached in all the Cities to *Cæſarea.*

Ch. 15. 26. Let us go and viſit where we have preached.

-17. 13. The word of God was preached of *Paul* of *Berea.*

Mat. 3 1. In thoſe days *John* came preaching in the wilderneſs.

Luke. 9. 6. They went thro' the Towns preaching the Goſpel.

Acts. 8. 4. They went every were preaching the Word.

-15. 35. *Paul* and *Barnabas* continued preaching in the Streets.

-20. 9. And as *Paul* was long preaching in an upper Chamber *Eutychus* ſunk down with ſleep.

Mat. 5. 1. And ſeeing the Multitude he went up into a Mountain: And when he was ſet, his Diſciples came unto him.

Ver. 2. And he opened his Mouth and taught them.

Mark. 4. 1. And he began to teach by the Sea ſide.

Mat. 13. 2. And he went into a Ship and ſat, and the whole multitude ſtood on the Shore,

Ver. 3. And he ſpake many things unto them.

Luke. 8. 1. And it came to paſs afterwards that he went throughout every City and Village preaching *&c. &c.*

So that I think the Methodiſts have good Examples, and may they follow the Diſciples as they followed Jeſus.

CHARGE IX.

The Preachers have never been educated at the univerſity.

Anſw. Mat. 13. 53. And it came to paſs, that when Jeſus had ended theſe Parables he departed thence.

54. And when he was come into his own Country he taught them in their Synagogue inſomuch that they were aſtoniſhed, and ſaid, whence hath this Man this Wiſdom and theſe mighty Works.

55. Is not this the Carpenter's Son? is not his Mother called Mary? and his Brethren *James* and *Joſeph* and *Simon* and *Judas?*

56. And his Siſters are they not all with us? Whence then hath this Man all theſe Things.

57. And they were offended in him.

John 7. 49. This People that know not the Law are accurſed.

1 *Cor.* 3. 18. Let no Man deceive himſelf: If any Man among you ſeem to be wiſe in this world, let him become a Fool, that he may be wiſe,

19. For the wiſdom of this World is Fooliſhneſs with God: for it is written, He taketh the Wiſe in their own Craftineſs.

20. And again, The Lord knoweth the Thoughts of the Wiſe, that they are vain.

1 *Cor.* 4. 10. We are Fools for Chriſt's ſake. We are weak, but ye are ſtrong: Ye are honorable, but we are deſpiſed. *&c. &c.*

Acts 17. 18. Then Certain Philoſophers of the Epicureans and of the Stoicks encountered him: and ſome ſaid what will this Babler (or baſe Fellow) ſay? other ſome, He ſeemeth to be a ſetter

ſetter forth of ſtrange Gods: becauſe he preached unto them Jeſus, &c.

1 *Cor.* 1. 17. For Chriſt ſent me not to baptize but to preach the Goſpel: not with Wiſdom of Words leaſt the Croſs of Chriſt ſhould be made of none effect.

19. I will deſtroy the wiſdom of the wiſe and will bring to nothing the Underſtanding of the Prudent, &c. &c.

CHARGE X.

They preach only a parcel of Nonſence.

1 *Cor.* 1. 18. For the preaching of the Croſs is to them that periſh, Fooliſhneſs. but unto us which *are* ſaved, it is the power of God.

20. Where is the wiſe? where is the Scribe where is the diſputer of this world? hath not God made fooliſh the wiſdom of this world.

21. For after that, in the wiſdom of God the world by wiſdom knew not God, it pleaſed God by the Fooliſhneſs of preaching to ſave them that believe.

22 For the Jews require a Sign, and the *Greeks*. ſeek after wiſdom.

23. But we preach Chriſt crucified, unto the *Jews*. a ſtumbling Block, and unto the *Greeks* Fooliſhneſs.

24. But unto them which are called, both *Jews* and *Greeks*, Chriſt, the power of God, and the wiſdom of God.

25. Becauſe the Fooliſhneſs of God is wiſer than Men, and the weakneſs of God is ſtronger than Men.

Acts 17. 18. Some ſaid (of *Paul*) He ſeemeth to be a ſetter forth of ſtrange Gods, becauſe he preaches unto them Jeſus and the Reſurrection.

19. And they took him, and brought him unto *Areopagus*, ſaying, may we know what this new Doctrine

Doctrine whereof thou ſpeakeſt, is.

20. For thou bringeſt certain ſtrange things to our Ears, we would know therefore what theſe things mean.

21. For all the *Athenians* and Strangers which were there, ſpent there time in nothing elſe but either to tell or to hear ſome new thing. &c. &c.

CHARGE XI.

They don't keep Company with hardly any but themſelves, and ſuch as they are.

Anſw. Amos. 3. 3. Can two walk together except they be agreed.

Acts. 2. 40. Save your ſelves from this untoward Generation.

Pſa. 55. 14 We took ſweet council together, & walked unto the houſe of God as Friends.

Prov. 24. 1. Be not thou envious againſt evil Men, neither deſire to be with them.

Acts. 4. 23. And being let go (out of Priſon) they went to their own Company.

1. *Cor.* 5. 9. I wrote unto you an Epiſtle not to keep company with Fornicators.

Pſa 119. 63. I am a Companion to all them that fear thee.

Pſa. xvi. 3. My goodneſs is to the Saints that are in the Earth, and to the excellent in whom is all my delight.

2. *Cor.* 6. 14. Be ye not unequally yoked together with Unbelievers; for what fellowſhip hath Righteouſneſs with Unrighteouſneſs.

Ver. 15. Or what part hath he that believeth with an Infidel.

Prov. 29. 27. An unjuſt Man is an Abomination to the Juſt; and he that is upright in the Way is Abomination to the Wicked.

Eccles. 13. 17. What Fellowſhip hath the Wolf with the Lamb? ſo the Sinner with the Godly.

Eph. 5. 11.

Eph. 5. 11. Have no Fellowſhip with the unfruitful Works of Darkneſs, but rather reprove them,

2 *Thes.* iii. 6. 14. Now we command you, Brethren, in the Name of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that ye withdraw yourſelves from every Brother that walketh diſorderly, and not after the Tradition which he received of us. If any Man obey not our word by this Epiſtle,---note that Man, and have no Company with him, that he may be aſhamed.

2 *Tim.* 3. 5. Having a Form of Godlineſs, but denying the power thereof: from ſuch turn away.

1 *John* v. 10. If there come any unto you, and Bring not this Doctrine, receive him not into your houſe, neither bid him God ſpeed.

CHARGE XII.

They confeſs their Sins in private Meetings

Num. 5. 7. Then they ſhall confeſs their Sin which they have done.

21. 7. Therefore the people came to *Moſes* and ſaid, we have ſinned, for we have ſpoken againſt the Lord, and againſt thee.

James 4. 16. Confeſs your Faults one to another, and pray one for another.

Acts xix. 18. And many that believed came, and confeſſed, and ſhewed their Deeds.

CHARGE XIII.

They have hardly any but a parcel of poor Creatures amongſt them.

Deut. xv. 11. The Poor ſhall never ceaſe out of the Land.

Job v. 16. The Poor hath hope, and Iniquity ſtoppeth her Mouth.

Pſa. 40. 17. But I am poor and needy, yet the Lord thinketh upon me.

-68. 10. Thou haſt prepared of thy Goodneſs for the Poor.

-74. 21. The Poor and Needy praiſe thy Name.

Iſa. 14. 32. The poor of his people ſhall truſt in Safety.

Zeph. 3. 12. The poor of his people ſhall truſt in the Lord,

Zech. 11. 7. I will feed even you, O Poor of the Flock.

Mat. 11. 5. The poor have the Goſpel preached unto them.

Luke 6. 20. Bleſſed be ye poor, for yours is the Kingdom of Heaven.

-14. 13. Call the Poor.

James 2. 5. Hearken my beloved Brethren, hath not God choſen the poor of this world, rich in Faith, and Heirs of the Kingdom.

John 7. 48. Have any of the Rulers, or of the Phariſees believed on him.

Iſa. 66. 2. To this man will I look (ſaith the Lord) even to him that is poor.

Luke 4. 18. The ſpirit of the Lord is upon me, becauſe he hath anointed me to preach the Goſpel to the Poor.

-7. 22. To the poor the Goſpel is preached.

Pſa. 74. 19. Forget not the Congregation of thy poor for ever,

1 *Cor.* 1. 26. For ye ſee your calling, Brethren, how that not many wiſe Men after the Fleſh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

Ver. 27. But God hath choſen the Fooliſh.

Ver. 28. And baſe things of the world, and Things which are deſpiſed, hath God choſen yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought Things that are.

CHARGE

CHARGE XIV.

They get their Money from them.

Acts 11. 29 30. The Diſciples, every Man according to his ability, determined to ſend Relief unto the Brethren which dwelt in *Judea*, which alſo they did, and ſent it to the Elders by the Hands of *Barnabus* and *Paul*.

Ezra 2. 69. They gave after their Ability unto the Treaſure of the Work.

Neh 5. 8. We, after our Ability, have redeemed our Brethren.

Eccles 35. 10. Give unto the Moſt High, according as he hath enriched thee: and as thou haſt gotten give with a chearful Eye.

Job 4. 7. 8. Give Alms of thy Subſtance. If thou haſt Abundance, give Alms accordingly: If thou haſt but a little, be not afraid to give according to that little.

1 *Cor.* 16, 2, Upon the firſt Day of the Week, let every one of you lay by him in Store as God hath proſpered him, that there be no gathering when I come,

2 *Cor*, 8, 3, 4 12, For to their Power I bear record, yea, and beyond their Power, they were willing of themſelves, praying us with much Intreaty, that we would receive the Gift, and take upon us the Fellowſhip of the Miniſtring to the Saints. If there be firſt a willing Mind, it is accepted according to that he hath not,

1 *Pet*, 4, 11, If any Man minister, let him do it as of the Ability which God giveth,

Acts 24, 17, After many Years, I came to bring Alms to my Nation, and Offerings,

Rom, 15, 25, 26, I go unto *Jeruſalem* to miniſter unto the Saints, For it hath pleaſed them of *Macedonia* and *Achaia* to make a certain Contribution

bution for the poor Saints which are at *Jeruſalem.*

1 *Cor.* 16. 1. Now concerning the Collection for the Saints, as I have given Order to the Churches of *Galatia*, ſo do ye.

2 *Cor.* 9 1. 2. 12. As touching the miniſtring to the Saints, it is ſuperfluous for me to write to you. For I know the forwardneſs of your Mind, for which I boaſt of you to them of *Macedonia* that *Achaia* was ready a Year ago; and your Zeal hath provoked very much. For the Adminiſtration of this Service, not only ſupplieth the Want of the Saints, but is abundant alſo by many Thankſgivings unto God.

Gal. 2. 10. They would that we ſhould remember the Poor, the ſame which I alſo was forward to do.

1 *Theſſ.* 1. 3. Remember your Work of Faith, And Labour of Love.

Heb. 6. 10. God is not unrighteous to forget your Work and Labour of Love, which ye have ſhewed toward his Name, in that ye have miniſtred to the Saints, and do miniſter.

CHARGE XV.

They have their private Societies.

Mal. 3. 16, They that feared the Lord ſpake often one to another, and the Lord hearkned and heard it, and a Book of Remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his Name.

Mat. 18. 19. I ſay unto you, that if two of you ſhall agree on Earth, as touching any Thing that they ſhall aſk, it ſhall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven.

20. For where two or three are gathered together in my Name, there I am in the midſt of them.

John. 20. 12. The Diſciples were aſſembled in a private Room, with the Doors ſhut.

Heb.

Heb. 10. 24. And let us conſider one another, to provoke unto Love and to good Works.

Ver. 25. Not forſaking the aſſembling of our ſelves together, as the manner of ſome is; but exhorting one another: and ſo much the more as ye ſee the Day approaching.

Pſa. 111. I will prai e the Lord with my whole Heart in the (hidden or private as it is in the Margin) Aſſembly of the upright and (alſo) in the (Public) Congregation.

CHARGE XVI.

They have their Watch-nights.

Pſa. 63. 6. I Meditate on thee in the Night-watches.

Lam. 2. 19 Ariſe, cry out in the Night: in the Beginning of the Watches pour out thine Heart like Water, before the Face of the Lord.

Pſalm 119. 16. I prevented the Dawning of the Morning, and cried: I hoped in thy Word.

Ver. 148. Mine Eyes prevent the Night-watches, that I meditate on thy Word.

Pſalm 130. 6. My Soul waiteth for the Lord, more then they that watch for the Morning; I ſay, more than they that watch for the Morning.

Iſa. 21. 8. I ſtand continually upon the watch-Tower. in the Day Time, and I am ſet in my ward whole Nights.

Rev. 3. 3. If therefore thou ſhalt not watch, I will come on thee as a Thief, and thou ſhalt not know what Hour I will come upon thee.

Rev. 16. 15. Behold I come as a Thief: bleſſed is he that watcheth.

Pſalm 119. 62. At Midnight I will ariſe to give Thanks.

Acts 16. 25. At Midnight *Paul* and *Silas* prayed.

--20. 7. *Paul* continued his Speech till Midnight.

Pſalm 134. 1. Behold, bleſs ye the Lord, all ye Servants of the Lord, which by Night ſtand in the Houſe of the Lord.

CHARGE XVII.

They have what they call their Love Feaſts

Anſw. *Jude* 12. Theſe are Spots in your Feaſts of Charity, when they feaſt with you, feeding themſelves without fear &c.

2 *Peter* 2. 13. And ſhall receive the Reward of Unrighteouſneſs, as they that count it Pleaſure to riot in the Day time: Spots they are, and Blemiſhes, ſporting themſelves with their own Deceivings, while they feaſt with you.

Acts 2. 46. And they continued daily with one accord in the Temple, and in breaking Bread from Houſe to Houſe did they eat their Meat with Gladneſs and Singleneſs of Heart.

Acts 20. 7. Upon the firſt Day of the Week, when the Diſciples came together to break Bread, *Paul* preached unto them.

CHARGE XVIII.

They are cunning artful Hypocrites.

Anſw. *John* 7. 46. The Officers that went to take Jeſus anſwered, never Man ſpake like this Man.

Verſe 47. Then anſwered them the *Phariſees*, Are ye alſo deceived?

Matt. 27. 63 Sir we remember, that That deceiver ſaid, while he was yet alive, after three Days I will ariſe again.

2 *Cor.* 6. 4. But in all Things approving ourſelves as the Miniſters of God, &c.

Verſe 8. By Honour and Diſhonour by evil.

Report

Report and good Report; as Deceivers and yet true.

John 7. 12. Some ſaid he is a good Man; others ſaid, nay; but he deceiveth the People.

John 9. 16. Therefore ſaid ſome of the Phariſees, This Man is not of God. Be therefore not diſmayed.

Luke 23. 31 For if they do and ſay theſe things in a green Tree, what ſhall be done in the dry.

CHARGE XIX.

They are a ſet of idle Wretches.

Anſw. Exod 5. 8. And the Tale of the Bricks which they did make heretofore you ſhall lay upon them: You ſhall not diminiſh ought thereof; for they be idle, therefore they cry, ſaying, Let us go and Sacrifice to our God.

—Ver. 16. Behold thy Servants are beaten, but the Fault is in thine own People.

—Ver. 17. But he ſaid, Ye are idle, ye are idle, therefore ye ſay, Let us go and do Sacrifice to the Lord.

Luke 24. 11. Their Words ſeemed to them as idle Tales.

Rom. 12. 11. But they are not ſlothful in Buſineſs: but fervent in Spirit; ſerving the Lord.

1 *Theſ.* 4. 11. They ſtudy to work with their own Hands.

2 *Theſ.* 3. 10 For if there are any that will not work, neither ſhould they eat.

12. And they are exhorted that they work with Quietneſs.

CHARGE

CHARGE V.

They are disliked by every Body but themselves.

Answ. Luke. 6. 22. Blessed are ye, when Men shall hate you, and they shall separate you from their Company, and shall reproach you and cast out your Name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake,

Ver. 23. Rejoice ye in that Day and leap for Joy: for behold your Reward is great in Heaven: For in the like Manner did their Fathers unto the Prophets.

1 *Peter* 2. 19. This is Thank-worthy, if a Man for Conscience towards God endure Grief, suffering wrongfully.

1 *Peter* 3. 14. If ye suffer for Righteousness sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their Terror, neither be troubled.

John 15. 18. Marvel not that the World hate you

Matt. 10. 22. And ye shall be hated of all Men for my Name's sake.

--Ver. 24. The Disciple is not above his Master nor the Servant above his Lord.

--Ver. 25. It is enough for the Disciples that he be as his Master, and the Servant of his Lord: If they have called the Master of the House *Beelzebub*, how much more shall they call them of his Houshold, *&c. &c. &c.*

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